

An abstract painting of a colorful vortex or tunnel. The colors transition from light blue and white at the top to deep purple and dark brown at the bottom, with bright orange and yellow in the middle. The brushstrokes are thick and expressive, creating a sense of depth and movement.

# Sunday Worship

11:00 AM – October 15, 2023

**Embodying the Love of Christ, we are joyfully  
called to be a church in the heart of Black Mountain  
where the welcome never ends.**

Please silence all communication devices. † indicates to stand, if you are able.  
The congregation is invited to join in where the liturgy is marked in bold.

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE	<i>The Year's at the Spring</i> Lingli Zhou, <i>soprano</i>	HHA Beach, op. 44, no.1
WELCOME		Mary Katherine Robinson
MINUTE FOR MISSION	Relational Ministry	Brittany Williams David Carter Florence
INTROIT	<i>Live in Charity</i>	UBI CARTIAS

† CALL TO WORSHIP

At the wedding in Cana, Jesus took ordinary water and made a miracle.

**And in this ordinary moment,**

**God can create miracles that guide and inspire us to seek eternal joy and salvation.**

Our task this morning is not only to seek joy,  
but also to share it with friends and strangers alike.

**And as we do, we will better understand what it means to see Heaven on Earth.**

**Let us worship God!**

† HYMN NO. 450	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
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CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,  
we acknowledge the times when we feel overwhelmed  
by a world filled with distrust, corruption and greed.  
We experience despair when our leaders seem incapable or even unwilling  
to address the most obvious problems we face.  
But our lack of faith in You is an even bigger problem that we must confront.  
For You are more powerful than any governing body  
and through You, we can move mountains.  
We ask Your forgiveness for our timidity  
and ask that You provide clarity for our understanding and courage  
to do what we know is right.  
In Your holy and courageous name we pray. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, live this good news!  
In Jesus Christ, we are transformed by grace.

†RESPONSE NO. 710

*We Lift Our Voices*

OFFERING

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you!  
And also with you.

## LISTENING FOR THE WORD

FAITH SHARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11

SERMON

Changing Money into Mission

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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†HYMN NO. 711

*Lord of All Good*

TOULON

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory, forever.

## LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## THE OFFERING

Musical Meditation

*The Stranger's Guise*

Karen Marrolli

lyrics from Celtic Rune of Hospitality

*We saw a stranger yesterday,  
we put food in the eating place,  
drink in the drinking place  
music in the listening place.*

*And with the sacred name of the triune God,  
He blessed us, blessed our house,  
our cattle and our dear ones.*

*As the lark says in its song: "Often! Often!  
often goes the Christ in the Stranger's Guise."*

† Doxology No. 717

*For the Life That You Have Given*

*For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.*

† Prayer of Dedication

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

† HYMN NO. 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION

*A Parting Blessing*

J. Jerome Williams

POSTLUDE

*Ashokan Farewell*

Ungar/Mason



*The music today is given to the glory of God, and in honor of Faith Bradley,  
recently retired from the choir after many years of singing!*

*We welcome and thank soloist Lingli Zhou and violinist Ann Laird Jones for their musical contribution.*

*Liturgy written by Franklin Jones*

*Cover artwork by Mike Moyers*

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Cullen Ferguson** recovering from brain surgery

**Guatemala Team from the Presbytery of WNC** now in Guatemala City, but unable to to anywhere or make visits with our partner churches since arriving on Tuesday

**Jessi Stitt** is helping with well installations through Marion Medical Mission in Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, and Mozambique through October 22

**Pat Tuttle** recovering from knee replacement surgery

**Nancy Weaver's daughter Carolyn** recovering from heart surgery in Charlotte

**The Welker family share the joy that Joe Welker** will be ordained with the PCUSA as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, Vermont, October 15, 2023 at 4 p.m. Anyone who would like to watch can do so online at <https://www.eastcraftsburypresbyterianchurch.org>

We list names for three weeks unless requested otherwise. To add someone to the list (with their permission), please call 669-2725, or email [jackie@bmpcnc.org](mailto:jackie@bmpcnc.org)

Mission Partners: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar;  
*Outreach Foundation*: **Frank Dimmock**; *This Child Here/Ukraine*: **Robert Gamble**;  
Seminary Students: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia;  
**Levi Bannerman**, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia;  
**Susie Burns**, Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina;  
Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer**, in Guatemala

Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:  
**Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Curtis Davies, Art De Jong, Jim Elam, Ellen Gibson,**  
**Kevin Griffin, Becky Hughes, Mary McElrath, NeGrete Family, Casey Newton,**  
**Elissa Pusser, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Charles Sandy,**  
**Callie Shaffer, Sandra Wilson, Kay Petty Young**



# WORK AND WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH

**Bus Driver** Dave McClintock    **Greeter** Perry Sprawls

**Ushers** Ellen McClintock, Dave Johnson, Cherie Lunsford

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## Sunday, October 15

- 8:45 a.m. FirstLight
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation Classes
- 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Quest Class at St. James
- 2:00 p.m. Youth
- 2:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 4:00 p.m. Route 45
- 6:00 p.m. Ancient Echoes of God's Hand Potluck

## Monday, October 16

- 1:00 p.m. Earth Care Book Study

## Tuesday, October 17

- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:00 p.m. Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Mama's Group
- 7:00 p.m. Prophets

## Wednesday, October 18

- 11:30 a.m. Old Fellers Lunch
- 3:30 p.m. RAD! Wednesdays
- 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, October 19

- 3:00 p.m. Book Group with Ina Hughes
- 5:00 p.m. Karate with Tanner

## Saturday, October 21

- 9:30 a.m. Bounty & Soul Yoga

## Ancient Echoes of God's Hand Sunday, October 15, 6:00 p.m.

The Congregational Life Team is sponsoring a potluck dinner for the whole family followed by a presentation by Tommy Wilkinson, an active member of our church currently serving on our session as chairman of the Mission Team. Join us to discuss and explore the wonders of God's universe as we enjoy deep space images captured from our own backyard right here in Black Mountain. Bring your favorite dish and your own utensils. You are encouraged to submit questions in advance! Email Tommy at [thwilkinson6@gmail.com](mailto:thwilkinson6@gmail.com) or text 828-551-2292.

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## Trunk or Treat All are welcome! Sunday, October 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

### How you can help:

- Decorate your vehicle and hand out candy
- Donate individual wrapped candy prior to the event – collection in the parlor
- Volunteer to help with set-up, traffic control, clean-up, etc.

**Volunteer Sign-Up:**



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# Our Church's Vision – Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship  
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

## Session

Mike Ballard, clerk

### Class of 2023

Alison Banzhoff (faith formation)  
Gay Ferguson (congregational life)  
Sarah Wren Robinson (youth elder)  
Margo Smith (strategic planning)  
Tommy Wilkinson (mission)

### Class of 2024

Alan Belsches (property)  
Bill Gilliland (personnel)  
Ken Kelly (faith formation)  
Ellen Phillips Smith (worship)

### Class of 2025

Mary Carroll Dodd (Hospitality & Welcome)  
Kristy Beaver (congregational life)  
Steve Riley (Finance)  
Mike Begley (Generosity)

## Deacons

### Class of 2023

Karen Austin  
Alex Carver & Joe Carreiro  
Margaret Fouse & Craig Cooley  
Diane Ginther  
Jeannie Maidment  
Margie Stansell  
Janine & Russ Spiller

### Class of 2024

Annamarie & Bill Arens  
Christy Carswell  
Julie & Dale Culpepper  
Melissa Kadau  
Ellen McClintock  
Tom and Sam Maynard  
Ann Wiig

### Class of 2025

Ann Carr Adkins  
Liesl Case  
Susan McElrath  
Alice McDowell  
Katherine Holman  
Harriette Fulton & Robert Sway  
Jayne & Ronald Vaughan  
Debby Vial

## Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson ..... Pastor and Head of Staff  
David Carter Florence ..... Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation  
Bob Tuttle ..... Parish Associate  
Aaron Price ..... Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Alice Patton ..... Director of Preschool Ministry  
Brittany Williams ..... Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry  
Sam Webber ..... Director of Operations  
Jackie Kerr ..... Director of Communications  
Katie Duvall ..... Youth Director  
Suzane Churchman ..... Bookkeeper  
Steve Kint ..... Custodian



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